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Safety Tips For Halloween

The Utah Division of Consumer Protection would like to remind parents and children to take extra care this Halloween to ensure everyone's health and safety. Here are a few tips offered by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to make your trick or treating experience an enjoyable one.

Costumes

1. When purchasing costumes, masks, beards or wigs look for flame resistant fabrics such as nylon or polyester or look for a "Flame Resistant" label. Avoid costumes with flimsy materials and big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.
2. Make or purchase costumes that are light, bright and clearly visible to motorists.
3. For greater visibility at night, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights.
4. Have children carry flashlights to see and be seen.
5. Make sure costumes are well-fitted so they don't drag on the ground to avoid trips and falls.
6. Tie hats and scarves securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes and obstructing vision.
7. If your child wears a mask, make sure it fits securely, provides adequate ventilation and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.

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Treats

1. Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has examined them carefully for evidence of tampering.
2. Carefully examine any toys or novelty items received by children under three. Make sure they don't have parts that are small enough to present a choking hazard.

Decorations

1. Keep candles and jack-o-lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against them.
2. Remove obstacles from lawns, steps and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.
3. Indoors, keep candles and jack-o-lanterns away from curtains, decorations and other combustible materials.
4. Don't overload extension cords.